



# The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

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## From the President

By Mark Brown, N4BCD

I guess we can blame Punxatawny Phil for the cancellation our February meeting. The officers & directors concluded that morning the forecast risk warranted suspending the monthly meeting. In hindsight it was the proper decision because the restaurant closed early due to slow volume.

Back to business. At our next meeting we'll ratify our budget and probably spend a few minutes telling lies about the DX we worked but didn't make it in the log then we'll turn the podium over to ARRL Alabama Public Information Coordinator Ed Tyler, N4EDT. Ed will brief us on our support & activation of W100AW/4 during the Huntsville Hamfest.

Field Day is a short 3 months away. Station managers should be working to ensure the manpower & materials are ready to go for another record run. It's shaping up to be a busy year.

One more thing... I'm looking forward to hosting W1AW/4 TN Phone activation from my home QTH in Fayetteville. Tennessee activates on Feb 18, at 7PM local time. There's a bit of anxiety that goes with this. The pile-ups have been HUGE and the closest I've come to being DX have been stints in the chair of K4BFT at Field Day.

In parallel, Bruce AC4G will be handling several CW time slots from his home in Taft. See you in the Pile-Ups!

73,

Mark

## March Program: W100AW/4

Ed Tyler, N4EDT, ARRL Public Information Coordinator for Alabama and currently serving on the ARRL Public Relations committee will talk about W100AW/4 at the Huntsville Hamfest in August. You're no doubt familiar with the state W1AW/call-area stations, two of which run concurrently, switching out every 0000 GMT Wednesday. W100AW/4 is also an ARRL Centennial Celebration station, but operates in only a few special locations corresponding to a few special events, one of which is the Huntsville Hamfest.

For all the details, get to the Po' Boy Factory around 6:00 pm Tuesday for dinner, 7:00 for

the business meeting, and 7:30 for Ed's program. In the mean time, work all the W1AW/call-area band/modes you can.

See you Tuesday!

## How to Join

- \* Come to a club meeting;
- \* or send in an application by mail (form on [www.NADXC.org](http://www.NADXC.org))
- \* or call Tom Duncan at (256)705-2147



## January Meeting Minutes

By Bill Bathgate, KD8IGK, NADXC Secretary/Treasurer

Date: Jan 14, 2014

1. Mark Brown welcomed all members and their guest – we had 20 in attendance with 2 guests
2. Reviewed and discussed W1AW 100 Year anniversary stations and club participation
3. By majority vote decision was made continue meeting at Po Boy's Restaurant
4. Mark Brown discussed possible DX Expedition Funding opportunities
5. Bill Bathgate reported our Financial status – Current bank balance of \$2,962.65
6. We had one new member application – MD Smith WA4DXP
7. A scrap book from 1995 with many photos of current and past members and is an excellent history of our club, this is now stored with the club treasurer

8. It was announced that Tom Russell N4KG obtained his 80M Honor Roll Pin – quite a feat Tom!

9. New DX VK9MT Mellish Reef will be on the air starting March 28th, another rare one for us all to get in the log. The VK9MT has asked for funding help from the NA DX Club. This will be discussed in our next regular meeting.

10. Our program was done by Warren Alford KJ4RAQ and Tom Russell N4KG which presented the topic “What 10M antenna is best for me?” This was a very good program that demonstrated a unique matching section of 450 Ohm ladder line and coax and a very high performing 10M antenna.

11. Craig Behrens NM4T discussed the experience of being in the St Lucia DX Expedition “Buddies in the Caribbean” trip. There were some very interesting observations of the unique 160M antennas used in this trip. Craig also shared his experience with the Ten Tec 506 open systems radio used as a digital JT65 rig, which it was never designed for but because it is an open

system modifications can even get this new Ten Tec rig to do some amazing things.

73,

William Bathgate KD8IGK – NADXC Treasurer and Secretary

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## DX Contests for March

By Chuck Lewis, N4NM

### Russian DX Contest (PH/CW), 160 - 10 Meters

Mar 15, 1200Z to Mar 16, 1159Z

Exchange: RS(T) plus serial # or Oblast

See page 84, Mar. QST or [www.rdxo.org](http://www.rdxo.org)

### BARTG HF RTTY Contest, (DIG), 80 - 10 Meters

Mar 15, 0200Z to Mar 17, 0200Z

Exchange: 3 digit S.N. plus 4 digit time.

See page 84, Mar. QST or [www.bartg.org.uk](http://www.bartg.org.uk)

### CQWW WPX Contest (PH), 160 - 10 meters

Mar 29, 0000Z to Mar 30, 2359Z

Exchange: RS plus Serial #.

See page 84, Mar. QST or [www.cqwpw.com](http://www.cqwpw.com)

### OTHER

#### SP DX Contest 1500Z,

Apr 5 to 1500Z Apr. 6

#### LZ Open 40M Sprint,

0400Z to 0800Z April 5

#### CWops mini-CWT Test,

Mar 19 & 20 and Mar 26 & 27 (see rules)



#### UBA Spring Contest - SSB,

0700Z Mar 23 to 1100Z Mar 23

#### JIDX CW Contest,

0700Z, Apr. 12 to 1300Z Apr. 13

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware.

Chuck, N4NM

## W1AW/4 (TN) Partial Schedule

By Mark Brown, N4BCD

N4BCD running Phone (all times local)

March 18 Tuesday 7PM to 9PM 40M

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March 19 Wednesday 7PM to 1AM 20M

March 20 Thursday 7PM to 8PM 40M

March 20 Thursday 8PM to 9PM 6M

AC4G running CW (all times local)

March 18 Tuesday 7PM to 9PM 160M

March 19 Wednesday 10PM to 1AM 20M

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